

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name

other names/site number PARADISE HISTORIC DISTRICT

2. Location

street & number MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

☐ not for publication

city, town

☐ vicinity

state WASHINGTON

code WA

county LEWIS; PIERCE

code 041; 053 zip code

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☐ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☒ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☐ building(s)
☒ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

Noncontributing

6

buildings

sites

structures

objects

6

Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic Resources of Mount Rainier
National ParkNumber of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 1

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☐ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

December 13, 1990

Date

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.
☐ removed from the National Register.
☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC/Hotel; Institutional Housing
GOVERNMENT/Administrative Facilities
RECREATION AND CULTURE/Outdoor Recreation

Current Function (enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC/Hotel; Institutional Housing
GOVERNMENT/Administrative Facilities
RECREATION AND CULTURE/Outdoor Recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER-RUSTIC STYLE

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete; Stone

walls WOOD/Log; Shingle; Stone

roof WOOD/Shingle

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Tacoma firm of Heath, Grove and Bell chosen by the Rainier National Park Company (RNPC) to design its first major concession structure--the Paradise Inn (1917)--produced a romantically eclectic building that harmonized well with its subalpine setting. The Inn's steeply-pitched roof, massive log framing, cedar shingled siding and roofing weathered to a silvery gray, and native stone masonry echo the colors and contours of the rugged terrain of Paradise Valley. Subsequent structures built by the RNPC and the National Park Service at Paradise continued in this theme, creating a subalpine variation of the Rustic Style in the park.

The steeply-pitched roofs used on the majority of structures at Paradise represent one alternative to dealing with Paradise's heavy snowloads. The reinforced concrete shallow-pitched roofs of the Comfort Station and the nearby Edith Chlorination House represent another. The tremendous strain placed on the structures at Paradise by snowfalls averaging 79.9+ inches/year has resulted in numerous repairs and alterations to the buildings over the years. Despite these changes, the cluster of structures around the Inn that forms the Paradise Historic District retains a high degree of integrity of design.

See the attached PNR Inventory Cards for more information regarding the buildings within the Paradise Historic District.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Entertainment and Recreation
Politics/Government (Federal Administration)

Period of Significance

1916 - 1937

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Paradise Historic District is significant for its association with federal administration, management, and development of the national park (Criterion A). For most of the park's history, the area called Paradise was dominated by concession-built structures. The government did require a presence at Paradise, and in 1911 a ranger cabin (no longer extant) was built, later to be replaced by a ranger station (1921) which stands today as the oldest government building within the historic district. This building (P-001) was the first government-built structure in the park to have rock masonry walls.

The district is also significant for its architecture, expressed in an "Alpine-Style" variation of the Rustic (Criterion C). This style espoused the use of native materials, particularly wood and stone, to better blend man-made structures with the natural environment. Weathered logs and native boulders were incorporated into the design of the more prominent buildings in the district.

Overall, the Paradise Historic District is a visually cohesive complex of Rustic Style buildings which still convey their historical associations with tourism and recreation in the national park. The Paradise Inn was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1987.

Six buildings comprise the Paradise Historic District. See the attached PNR Inventory Cards for additional information regarding these buildings.

☒ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☒ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☒ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☒ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Approximately 10 acres

UTM References

A 1,0 59,66,4,8 5,18,19,7,0
Zone Easting Northing

C 1,0 59,65,9,1 5,18,19,7,8

B 1,0 59,66,1,7 5,18,19,6,8
Zone Easting Northing

D 1,0 59,65,6,0 5,18,20,2,5

USGS Quad: Mount Rainier East, Washington
1:24,000

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description Starting at the junction of the service road to the Inn and the parking lot, then generally westward along the north edge of the parking lot to a foot trail west of the comfort station, then northwest along that trail to a foot trail running northeast, then along that foot trail in a northeast direction to its junction with a foot trail running southeast, then along that foot trail to its junction with the service road, then northeast along the service road to its end, then easterly to the park road that passes through Paradise Valley, then southwest ☐ See continuation sheet along the park road to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The boundary was drawn to include all significant historic buildings and some land encompassing the structures in order to convey the historic setting.

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11. Form Prepared By

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PN 6/82

NRO INVENTORY

National Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building, 1920
2001 Sixth Ave.
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO

2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Paradise Ranger Station

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Paradise P-001

4. CITY/VICINITY

Paradise

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

5. ORIGINAL USE

Ranger Station/
Living Quarters

6. PRESENT USE

Ranger Station

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1921

11. REGION

8. UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

OTHER

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Stone and timber frame; 1-1/2 stories; rectangular plan; steeply-pitched cedar shingle gable roof with projecting eaves and verges; stone chimney; cedar siding at gable ends; full width one story stone porch accessed by stone steps, off-center front door composed of half logs; stone foundation; double hung casement windows; interior wood floors with exposed log ceiling joists; first floor ranger station, second floor offices.

This stone and timber frame building was designed to serve as the Paradise Ranger and Checking Station. Constructed in 1921 during the administration of Superintendent W.H. Peters, it was completed and opened for use in 1922. The design for the distinctive, steeply pitched gable roof and rustic, rubble masonry walls was approved by Park Service Director Stephen T. Mather. It measures 18' x 26' including a front porch 6' wide extending the full length of the front facade. Originally, the first floor was operated as an information and checking station; the upper floor as a living quarters with bedroom, bathroom and kitchen. The ranger station was occupied seasonally, generally from May through October. During the winter of 1970-71, water pipes froze and burst with resulting damage to the living quarters. The bathroom and kitchen facilities were subsequently removed and the upper floor was remodeled for office space. A timber lean-to fire cache and workshop, constructed c.1930 at the rear of the building, was also removed c.1971. With the exception of the cedar shingles under the gable ends which have replaced the original board and batten siding, the exterior is

14. CONDITION

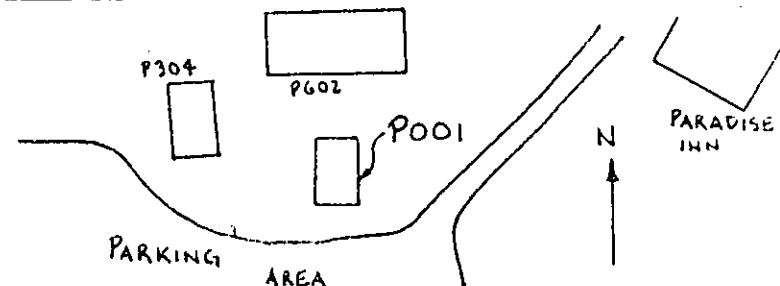
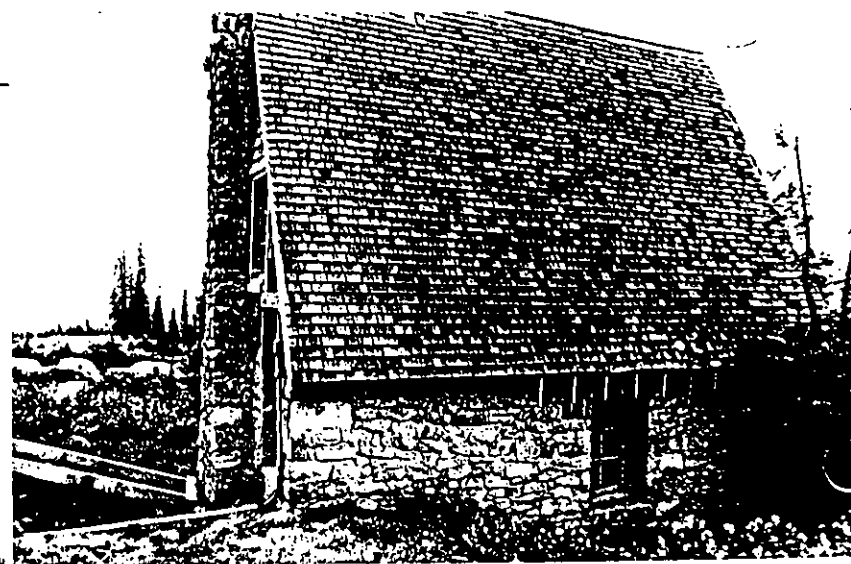
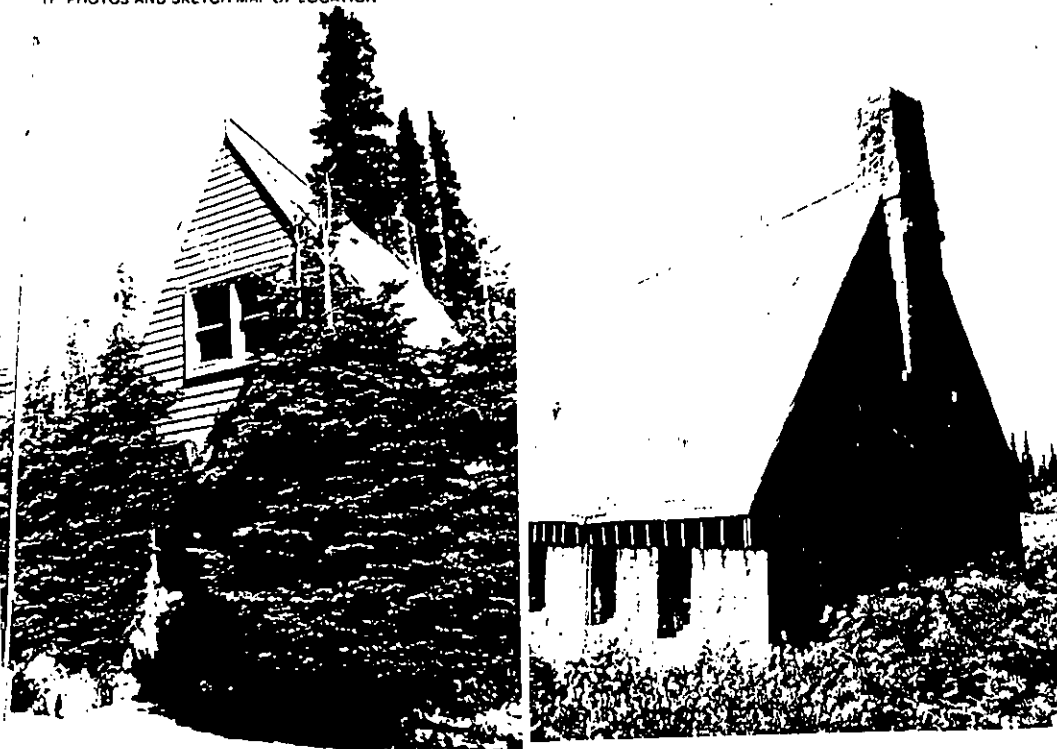
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(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☐ NO☒ UNKNOWN~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

largely unaltered. Steel bracing and cables attached to the chimney at the building's rear provides bracing for the structure during heavy winter snows.

Significance

Designed by the National Park Service, Landscape Engineering Division, the plans were approved by Stephen T. Mather in May 1921. Consideration of the building's constructed at Mount Rainier to employ an extensive amount of stone, the rubble masonry walls blend tastefully with the surrounding terrain. The impressive steeply pitched gable roof was built to withstand the large amounts of snowfall that occur at Paradise.

17 PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18 LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

☐ YES☒ NO☐ NAME

19 PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

☐ YES, LIMITED☒ YES, UNLIMITED☐ NO☐ UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS

☐ NR☐ NHL☐ HABS☐ HAER-1☐ HAER☒ NPS☐ STATE☐ COUNTY☐ LOCAL☐ OTHER

21 REFERENCES--HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

- Interview with Lee Henkle, NPS Seasonal Ranger, Paradise, Washington, 8/23/82.
- Building File P-001, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park, prepared by L.M. Moe 10/21/49; photo (no date).
- Superintendent's Monthly Report, 28 July, 1922, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park.
- Original Drawing, "Paradise Checking Station - Paradise Valley," 1 sheet, approved by Stephen T. Mather, National Park Service, 28 May, 1921.
- Erwin N. Thompson, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington - Historic Resource Study (Denver, CO, N.P.S., 1981).
- Robert L. Carper, List of Classified Structures Inventory, (Denver, CO, N.P.S., 1976).

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AFFILIATION

MDRA Cultural Resource Survey

DATE

7/23/82

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NRO INVENTORY

National Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building, 1920
2001 Sixth Ave.
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO

2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Paradise Comfort Station

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Paradise P-304

5. ORIGINAL USE

Restroom

6. PRESENT USE

Restroom

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1928-29

11. REGION

8. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

4. CITY/VICINITY

Paradise

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

OTHER:

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC

Reinforced concrete construction; 1 story; rectangular plan; low pitch, reinforced concrete gable roof with projecting eaves and verges; stone chimney; stone veneer exterior; entrances at north and south facades, one with timber lean-to shelter; casement windows; concrete floor; concrete foundation.

This reinforced concrete building with a stone veneer serves as a comfort station at Paradise. It was erected in 1928 by the National Park Service. Measuring 26' x 36' the comfort station was designed by the NPS Western Region, Branch of Plans and Design, Thomas C. Vint, Chief Architect. The low pitched gable roof and random stone facing were combined to harmonize with the sloping terrain and adjacent buildings. Construction began in July of 1928. Materials, trucked from as far away as Ashford, were often delayed on portions of the Nisqually Road undergoing reconstruction. Some of the stones were quarried from nearby. Higher than anticipated hauling costs delayed the opening of the facility until the 1929 season. In addition, plans for installing a slate roof over the 6" reinforced concrete slab were scrapped. The massive roof, designed to withstand snow loads of 35 pcf to a depth of 35', was simply tarred and graveled. Total expenditures for the facility amounted to \$6,400. New fixtures have recently been installed and the interior walls refinished with gypboard. With the exception of a lean-to shelter addition at the women's room entrance, the comfort station remains largely unaltered.

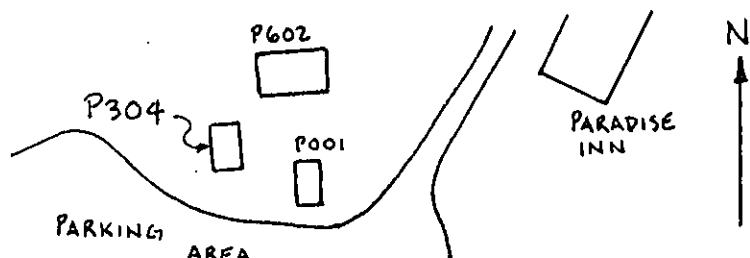
14. CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☐ NO☒ UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

Designed by the NPS, Western Region, Branch of Plans and Design in San Francisco with Thomas C. Vint, Chief Architect, this comfort station, constructed with reinforced concrete, marks a significant departure from the standard stone and timber materials used to build other restroom facilities in the park. The massiveness was required for the heavy snowfalls that occur at Paradise. The stone veneer and low pitched gable roof were employed to blend the building in with the surrounding terrain.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> NAME
19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY		<input type="checkbox"/> YES, LIMITED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, UNLIMITED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
20. EXISTING SURVEYS		<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> NHL	<input type="checkbox"/> HABS
		<input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER		<input type="checkbox"/> HAER-1	<input type="checkbox"/> HAER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS
		<input type="checkbox"/> STATE		

Building File P-304; Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park; Waterhouse Report on Construction Activities (with photos), 1928.

Original Drawing "Comfort Station - Paradise," 1 sheet, recommended by Thomas C. Vint, NPS, 5/23/28 (DRG No.), Drawings and Document File, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park.

Robert L. Carper, List of Classified Structures Inventory (Denver, Colorado: NPS, 1976).

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1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Paradise Ski-Tow Powerhouse

5. ORIGINAL USE

Ski-Tow Powerhse.

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1937

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Paradise P-514

6. PRESENT USE

Storage Shed

8. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Paradise

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

OTHER

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC

Timber A-frame; 1 1/2 stories; rectangular plan; steeply pitched cedar shingle gable roof; vertical board-and-batten siding under gable ends; horizontal clapboard siding on north and south facades; cedar shingle siding to the rear; second floor accessible by timber ladder; ground floor contains motor for ski-tow; wood skid foundation resting on concrete blocks.

During the 1930's, Paradise Valley developed into a major northwest ski center. As no permanent ski-lift facilities were permitted in the national parks, the CCC constructed a portable ski-tow in 1937. The timber A-frame measured about 12' x 14' and was designed to blend with the nearby Guide House and Paradise Ranger Station. An electrically-powered motor and drum were housed in the ground floor. Wire ropes and pulleys comprised the ski-tow system running to the top of Alta Vista. Winter time activities declined sharply at Paradise in the 1940's. With the construction of private resorts outside the park in the 1950's, pressure for further development of Paradise Valley diminished. The Ski-Tow Powerhouse remains as testimony to the era of peak wintertime activities at Mount Rainier.

14. CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)

☐ YES

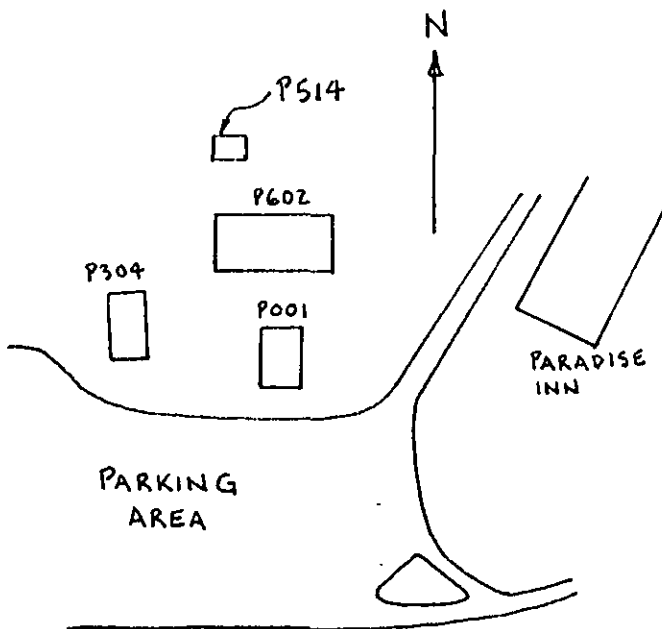
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☒ UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

The Ski-Tow Powerhouse was built by the CCC in 1937 as winter skiing in Paradise Valley reached its peak. It was built to blend with the nearby Guide House and Paradise Ranger Station (the steeply-pitched, cedar-shingled gable roof with vertical board-and-batten siding under the gable ends was nearly identical to the Ranger Station's original appearance). The Ski-Tow Powerhouse remains from this era, largely unaltered.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

☐ YES☒ NO☐ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

☒ YES, LIMITED☐ YES, UNLIMITED☐ NO☐ UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS

☐ NR☐ NHL☐ HABS☐ HAER-1☐ HAER☐ NPS☐ STATE☐ COUNTY☐ LOCAL☐ OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File P-514, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park; photographs (undated).

Erwin N. Thompson, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington: Historic Resource Study, (Denver, CO: NPS, 1981) p.85.

Arthur D. Martinson, "Mountain in the Sky: A History of Mount Rainier National Park" Phd. dissertation, Washington State University, 1966, pp.106-112.

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1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 1 of 3)

Paradise Inn

5. ORIGINAL USE

Resort Hotel

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1917

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Paradise P-600

6. PRESENT USE

Resort Hotel

4. CITY/VICINITY

Paradise

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT DUE DATES, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Timber frame (log construction); 2-1/2 story; modified T-shape plan; steeply-pitched cedar shingle gable roof with projecting eaves and verges; gable and shed dormers; stone chimneys; cedar shingle exterior walls; numerous double hung sashes; glass double doors entrances into lobby; wood floors; exposed whole log frame in lobby; rubble masonry foundation; three wings-lobby, dining and hotel; kitchen wing remodeled c.1930; gift shop formed by porch enclosure to the lobby's rear, c.1935; whole log exterior buttresses replaced with steel t-beams c.1980.

The Paradise Inn is a timber frame, resort hotel located in the subalpine region of Paradise Valley. It was constructed in 1916-17 under the auspices of the Rainier National Park Company. In 1916, Stephen T. Mather, director of the fledgling National Park Service, brought together businessmen from Seattle and Tacoma to form a large concession enterprise in the park. Mather believed such a dominant company was needed to upgrade visitor services. The newly formed concessionaire undertook the erection of a lodge at Paradise modeled after a Swiss alpine chalet.

Designed by the architectural firm of Heath, Grove and Bell of Tacoma, foundation work commenced in July of 1916. The site for the Inn had been hurriedly selected and surveyed. During the Inn's construction the Rainier National Park Company operated Reeses "Camp of the Clouds." They had purchased from John Reese, the primitive, and according (cont'd

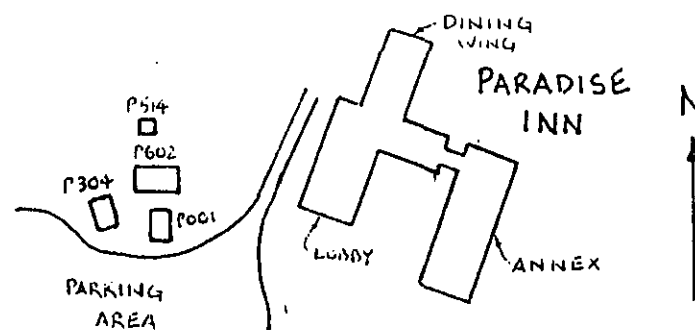
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(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☐ NO☒ UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

The Paradise Inn was the first permanent resort hotel erected in a subalpine area in Mount Rainier National Park. Visitation to Paradise Valley and the Inn increased dramatically upon completion of the structure in 1917. The Rainier National Park Company (formed with the support of Stephen T. Mather), one of the early park concessionaires built and operated the Inn. Their subsequent expansion of visitor facilities can be attributed to the success of the resort hotel. It is an architecturally distinct structure modeled after the Swiss alpine lodges. Native Alaska cedar was used in its construction. The lobby wing, containing exposed whole log trusses, posts and beams is particularly distinctive. Two large stone fireplaces and handcrafted tables, chairs and benches of Alaska cedar are located in the lobby. The Inn's exterior, covered with cedar shingles and containing numerous gable and shed dormers, is slightly altered. Original exterior, whole log trim around doors and windows has been partially removed. New

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY ☐ YES, LIMITED ☒ YES, UNLIMITED ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS ☐ HAER-1 ☐ HAER ☒ NPS ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File P-600, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park; sketch plan of roof, 1/75.

Erwin N. Thompson, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington: Historic Resource Study, (Denver, CO: NPS, 1981) pp.77-92.

Robert L. Carper, List of Classified Structures Inventory, (Denver, CO: NPS, 1976).

Superintendent's Monthly Report, 4 June 1925, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park.

Robert N. McIntyre, "Short History of Mount Rainier National Park" (1952), unpublished manuscript, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park p.227 and 230.

Paul H. Sceva, "Recollections by the Old Man of the Mountain," reproduced by the author, 1974, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park.

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Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources Division

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1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 2 of 3)

Paradise Inn

5. ORIGINAL USE

Resort Hotel

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1917

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Paradise P-600

6. PRESENT USE

Resort Hotel

8. UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Paradise

COUNTY

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Washington

SCALE

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to Mather, unsightly arrangement of tents existing in Paradise Valley. Timber for the Inn, comprised of Alaska cedar, was gathered from a nearby silver forest (a fire swept area). The resort hotel was opened for business in July 1, 1917.

The lobby area (measuring 50' x 112') contained an exposed whole log frame. Connected to the lobby was a dining room (50' x 100') containing a kitchen wing (38' x 40'). Located above the dining area on the second floor were twenty eight guest rooms. A three story wing off the rear of the dining area and lobby contained: a ground floor with baths and toilets, a second floor with suites (each with private baths) and a third floor with "sleeping rooms." The Inn was immediately successful. Visitors preferred the more refined sleeping accommodations rather than the tent camps. In 1920, the Rainier National Park Company erected an addition to the Inn known as the Annex (see entry of Paradise Inn Annex P-602). In 1925, a mezzanine level was added around the lobby's interior. With the improvement of the road from Longmire to Paradise in the twenties, visitation to the Inn further increased. A complex of 215 frame cabins was constructed nearby in 1930 replacing the old tent camp. The Paradise Lodge built in 1931 provided services for the cabins and for the first time, visitor facilities opened year round. The Paradise Inn, however, continued to operate seasonally. Around 1935 Paul Sceva, general manager of the Rainier (cont'd)

14. CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☐ NO☐ UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

steel teebeam buttresses encased in logs have replaced the original.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY ☐ YES, LIMITED ☐ YES, UNLIMITED
☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS ☐ HAER-1 ☐ HAER ☐ NPS ☐ STATE
☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER

21. REFERENCES- HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

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ENRO INVENTORY

**National Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources Division**

**Westin Building, 1920
2001 Sixth Ave.
Seattle, Washington 98121**

1. SITE I.D. NO.		INVENTORY		Pacific Northwest Region		Cultural Resources Division		Seattle, Washington 98121									
2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE				5. ORIGINAL USE		7. CLASSIFICATION				9. RATING							
(CARD 3 of 3)				Resort Hotel													
3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO.)				6. PRESENT USE						10. DATE							
Paradise P-600				Resort Hotel						1917							
4. CITY/VICINITY				COUNTY		STATE		8. UTM ZONE				EASTING		NORTHING		11. REGION	
Paradise				Pierce		Washington											
12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS																	
NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington																	

1. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC

National Park Company, ordered the demolition of the original kitchen wing. It was replaced with a new, larger one. Sceva was also responsible for the porch enclosure off the rear of the lobby for use as a gift shop.

Further development of Paradise Valley was curtailed in the late thirties as the Depression wore on. The numerous cabins never proved to be popular, and were sold as defense housing in 1942. The Inn deteriorated in the forties due to inadequate maintenance. In 1952, the financially ailing Rainier National Park Company sold their assets to the NPS. The NPS thereupon leased the Inn to the concessionaire. Various maintenance was performed over the next decade including miscellaneous shingling and painting. Additionally, an employees cafeteria was installed in the kitchen. Despite the repairs, dissatisfaction with the Inn's condition and visitor facilities at Paradise was expressed by the public, government officials and concessionaires. The 'Mission 66' program called for the removal of the Inn and conversion of Paradise into a day use area only. Public pressure to retain the Inn prevailed. In 1980, renovation to improve the fire safety and lobby's structural stability were carried out. A new sprinkler system was installed. The existing whole log buttresses were replaced with steel tee beams encased in half logs. Tie rods were installed throughout the lobby's interior. At an unknown date, exterior whole log trim around doors and windows was partially removed. New cedar shingles were installed in various locations.

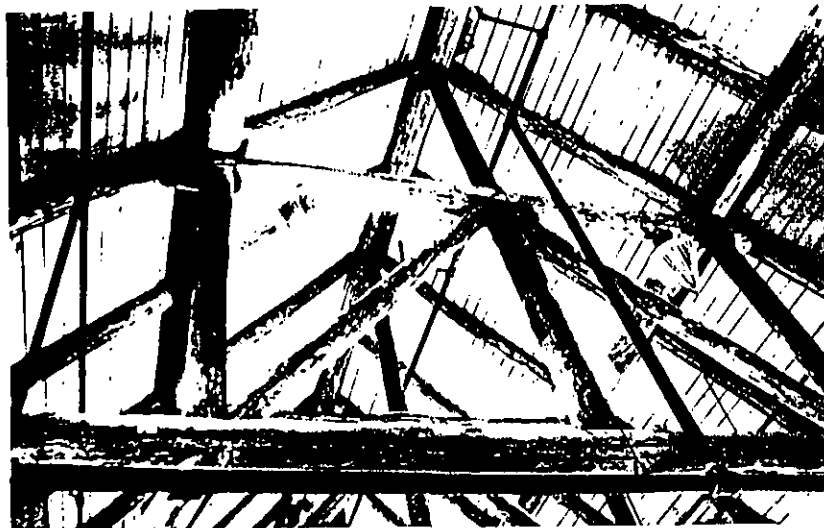
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DEWEY-DESK

The Inn continues to retain its original exterior lines and the lobby interior remains largely unaltered. Guest Services Incorporated currently operates the Inn on a seasonal basis.

The Paradise Inn was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1987.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY ☐ YES, LIMITED ☐ YES, UNLIMITED
☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS ☐ HAER-1 ☐ HAER ☐ NPS ☐ STATE
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21. REFERENCES--HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

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1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Annex to the Paradise Inn

5. ORIGINAL USE

Hotel

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1920

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Paradise P-601

6. PRESENT USE

Hotel

8. UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Paradise

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

OTHER

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Timber frame; 3-1/2-stories with basement; rectangular plan; steeply-pitched, cedar-shingle roof with intersecting gables; shed dormers; projecting eaves and verges; cedar-shingled exterior; interior containing wood floor, finished walls and ceilings, double-hung sashes; entrance to annex by means of timber bridge walkway (late 1920's); stone foundation; a portion of what was to be the central pavillion (of stone) exists at the northeast corner.

The "Annex" to the Paradise Inn was erected in 1920 under the auspices of the Rainier National Park Company. When the inn was originally constructed in 1916, it was believed that visitors would continue to use the expanded tent camp facilities. The inn initially contained only a few rooms, none of which had individual bathroom facilities. To accommodate the public's desire for private rooms with baths, the annex was built. An open bridge connected the east wing of the inn to the annex. The three-and-one-half story timber-frame building was designed by Seattle architect Harlan Thomas. Original plans called for a larger and grander structure than was actually built. It was to be over 300' long and contain a taller central pavillion made of stone. The central pavillion was to connect with the east wing of the inn. The smaller wings to either side of the pavillion were to contain exposed log framing. Only the south wing of the proposed annex was built and without the log framing. It does contain a distinctive steeply-pitched roof with intersecting gables and numerous shed dormers. The exterior is covered with cedar shingles.

14. CONDITION

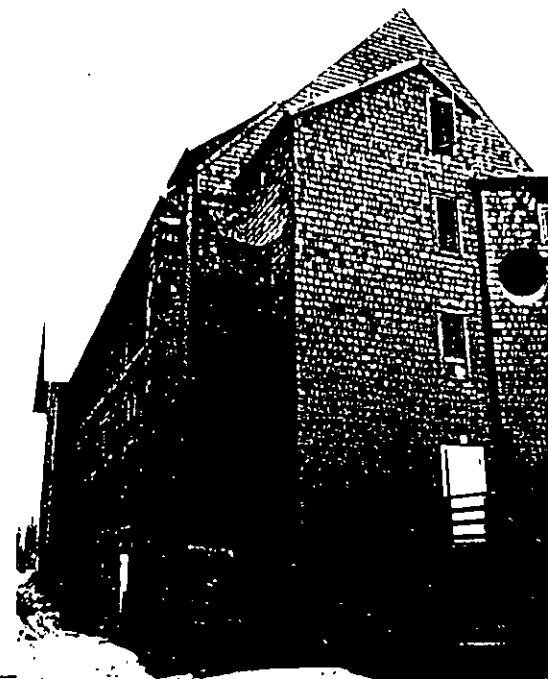
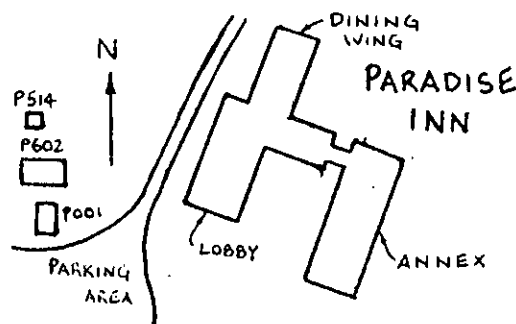
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(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☐ NO☒ UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

Though original plans for the annex to the Paradise Inn called for a much larger building with a central stone pavillion and two timber-frame wings, only a portion was erected. The annex, completed in 1920, was linked to the inn with a timber-frame walkway. The building contains a distinctive steeply-pitched roof with intersecting gables.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

The annex measures approximately 44' x 125'. It continues to function as a hotel facility. In the late twenties a "permanent" enclosed walkway was built between the inn and the annex. Manager Paul Sceva supervised the construction.

18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ NAME19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY ☐ YES, LIMITED ☒ YES, UNLIMITED ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN20. EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS ☐ HAER-1 ☐ HAER ☒ NPS ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER

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1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Paradise Guide House

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Paradise P-602

5. ORIGINAL USE
Mountain
Climber's
Guide House

6. PRESENT USE
Dormitory and
Guide House

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

c. 1920

11. REGION

8. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

SCALE 1:24 1:82.5
OTHER QUAD NAME

4. CITY/VICINITY

Paradise

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Timber frame; 3 1/2 story; rectangular plan; steeply pitched, cedar shingle gambrel roof with projecting verges; brick chimney; shed dormers; cedar shingle siding and exposed whole log trim veneer; front center entrance; double hung sashes and sliding glass windows; wood floors; stone masonry and concrete foundation.

The Guide Service building was erected c.1920 by the Rainier National Park Company during their initial expansion of visitor facilities in Paradise Valley (1916-1920). Measuring 32'-0" x 74' x 4", the timber frame building contains a distinctive, steeply pitched gambrel roof, the only one of its kind in the park. The exterior walls are shingled with cedar and a whole log trim around the windows lends a log frame appearance to the building. The first floor is occupied by Rainier Mountaineering, Inc., a guide service leading climbs of Mount Rainier. An auditorium and stage, original to the basement interior, was used for lectures and motion pictures. The upper three floors contain dormitory rooms. The Guide House has been associated with climbing expeditions of Mount Rainier since the time of its construction. Its exterior has been slightly altered; several windows and the original west entrance have been removed; new plexi-glass "bubbles" associated with the fire escape mechanisms installed, and concrete added to the foundation.

14. CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)

☐ YES

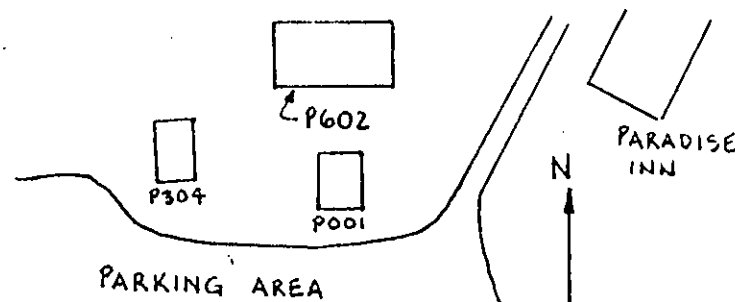
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16. SIGNIFICANCE

The Guide House was originally erected by the Rainier National Park Company c.1920 during their early expansion of visitor facilities in Paradise Valley. It has been continuously associated with climbing expeditions of Mount Rainier. The building's gambrel roof is the only one of its kind in the park.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18 LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ NAME

19 PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY ☐ YES, LIMITED ☒ YES, UNLIMITED ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

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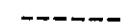

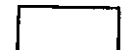

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PARADISE SKETCH MAP

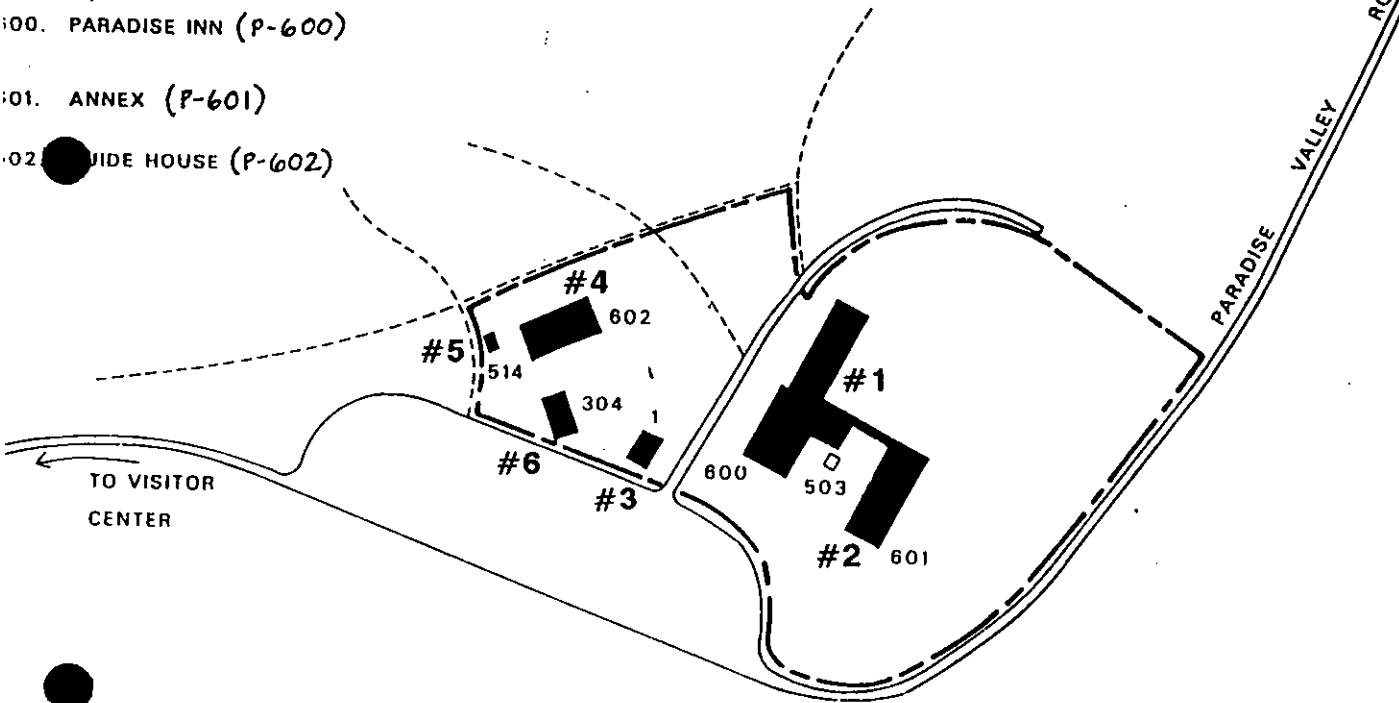
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-  ROAD
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-  BOUNDARY
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-  HISTORIC STRUCTURE



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- 1. RANGER STATION (P-001)
- 304. COMFORT STATION (P-304)
- 503. TRANSFORMER
- 514. SKI TOW (P-514)
- 600. PARADISE INN (P-600)
- 601. ANNEX (P-601)
- 602. GUIDE HOUSE (P-602)



Nos. #1-6 on map refer to Photo List # (See PHOTOS section)

HISTORIC BASE MAP

PARADISE HISTORIC DISTRICT
MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91000174

Date Listed: 3/13/91

Paradise Historic District
Property NamePierce
CountyWA
StateHistoric Resources of Mount Rainier National Park
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

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Signature of the Keeper3/13/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Classification: The Number of Resources within Property should be amended to read: one noncontributing building and a total of one noncontributing resource.

This information was confirmed with Stephanie Toothman of the Pacific Northwest Regional Office NPS.

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